



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 310

* _____ SB00310KIDJUD030404 _____ *

AN ACT CONCERNING CRIME VICTIMS AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PROCEEDINGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 54-76h of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) All of the proceedings except proceedings on the motion under
4 section 54-76c had under the provisions of sections 54-76b to 54-76n,
5 inclusive, as amended, shall be private and shall be conducted in such
6 parts of the courthouse or the building wherein court is located as shall
7 be separate and apart from the other parts of the court which are then
8 being held for proceedings pertaining to adults charged with crimes. If
9 such defendant is committed while such examination and
10 investigation is pending, before trial, during trial or after judgment
11 and before sentence, those persons in charge of the place of detention
12 shall segregate such defendant, to the extent of their facilities, from
13 defendants over the age of eighteen years charged with crime.

14 (b) A judge hearing a youthful offender proceeding pursuant to
15 sections 54-76b to 54-76o, inclusive, shall not exclude a victim from the
16 proceeding or any portion thereof, unless, after hearing from the
17 parties and from the victim and for good cause, which shall be clearly
18 and specifically stated on the record, the judge orders otherwise. For
19 the purposes of this section, "victim" means a person who is the victim

20 of a crime of a youthful offender, a parent or guardian of such person,
21 a legal representative of such person or a victim advocate appointed
22 for such person pursuant to section 54-221.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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